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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

MARK CHRISTOPHER TONKIN ET AL.

CASE NO.: AD 6643 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/369,803

GROUP ART UNIT: 1724

FILED: AUGUST 6, 1999

EXAMINER: C. BUSHEY

FOR: A HUMIDIFYING GAS INDUCTION OR
SUPPLY SYSTEMRESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, please enter the following Amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-31, and 33-35 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 24 and 27 as follows (a marked-up version showing changes made is attached hereto):

- 4 24. (amended) A humidifying gas induction or supply system, comprising:
- an air inlet;
 - a water reservoir;
 - a nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface, which is integral to said air inlet and communicates with said water reservoir; and
 - a hood arranged to regulate an area of said nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface.

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